

**Harold Schobert**

**Candidate for Director-at-Large**

I have been pleased to be an active member of our Division for thirty years, and have always considered it to be my professional "home." During that time I have served the Division in a variety of elective and appointive office, and have organized symposia at national and regional meetings. Also during that time, I have also seen how the Division very adroitly transformed itself from what might then have been called the "division of coal chemistry" or even the "division of coal liquefaction chemistry" into vibrant programming in a wide range of fuel and energy topics. Now I perceive that we have two other opportunities (or challenges). First, the current worldwide concern about energy availability and costs presents us with a timely opportunity to strengthen membership and programming even further. Second, it has been a long-standing concern of mine that our Division is "turning gray" (including me!) in that many of the Division's activists have been around about as long as I have, or longer. We need to find fruitful ways to catch the wave of renewed interest in energy and to exploit this to assure that our Division becomes a professional base for younger fuel chemists, and students. I would hope to work closely with the members and other officers in our Division and to work within the Society to help bring these about.